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BRUSSELS FOR ATHERTON FROM SUDDARTH

E. O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OVIP(AMBASSADOR AT LARGE ATHERTON)
SUBJECT: ATHERTON VISIT

REF: (A) LONDON 11303, (B) AMMAN 6036

1. WE HAVE HAD PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS WITH HIKMAT AT PALACE AND ARE THINKING ALONG LINES OF FOLLOWING PROGRAM FOR YOUR VISIT, SUBJECT TO YOUR COMMENT AND APPROVAL AND TO FINAL CHECK WITH PALACE WHEN WE GET YOUR FIRM ARRIVAL TIME (NOT YET RECEIVED).

2. WE HAVE BEEN ASSUMING ALL YOUR DISCUSSIONS WITH KING HUSSEIN AND GOJ WOULD TAKE PLACE JULY 25 AND THAT YOU WILL ARRIVE IN AMMAN AFTERNOON OF JULY 24. PLEASE ADVISE IF THIS IS CORRECT AND IF YOU WISH SEPARATE DISCUSSIONS WITH SHARAF OR ANYONE ELSE IN GOJ.

3. ON SOCIAL SIDE, GENERAL BIN SHAKER, WITH CONCURRENCE OF
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PALACE, INVITES YOU AND MRS. ATHERTON, AND ANY OF YOUR STAFF YOU DESIGNATE, TO A DINNER ON JULY 25 HE IS GIVING AND TO WHICH MY WIFE AND I WERE PREVIOUSLY INVITED PRIOR TO YOUR REVISED SCHEDULE. DINNER WILL INCLUDE COURT CHIEF SHARAF AND WIFE, SEVERAL OTHER PROMINENT JORDANIANS AND BRITISH AND IRANIAN AMBASSADORS. SUGGEST YOU ACCEPT INVITATION, SINCE BIN SHAKER IS DELIGHTED TO HAVE OPPOR-

TUNITY TO PROVIDE HOSPITALITY AND MADE SPECIAL POINT OF TELLING ME SO PERSONALLY. FURTHERMORE, MANY OF THE JORDANIANS WE WOULD HAVE WANTED TO INVITE TO A DINNER FOR YOU THAT NIGHT WILL BE AT BIN SHAKER'S.

4. ECONOMIC OFFICER SAM STARRETT IS ALSO GIVING SMALL DINNER ON JULY 25 FOR WHITE HOUSE ASSOCIATE ADVISOR DR. JOYCE STARR, WHO IS VISITING JORDAN TO INVESTIGATE ECONOMIC CONSEQUENCES OF PEACE. DINNER INCLUDES SEVERAL JORDANIANS WITH EXPERTISE IN THAT AREA. STARRETTS INVITE KIRBY AND ANYONE ELSE FROM YOUR PARTY INTERESTED IN COMING. PLEASE ADVISE IF YOU AND MRS. ATHERTON ACCEPT BIN SHAKER DINNER AND TELL US WHO WILL ACCOMPANY YOU THERE, AND WHO ACCEPTS STARRETT INVITATION AS ALTERNATIVE.

5. AMBASSADOR JAMES LEONARD AND NAT HOWELL DEPART AMMAN MORNING JULY 25 AND JORDANIAN PERM REP TO U. N. AMBASSADOR NUSAYBEH IS GIVING STAG DINNER ON JULY 24 IN THEIR HONOR, TO WHICH I AM INVITED. I HAVE NOT SUGGESTED INCLUDING YOU IN DINNER BUT COULD DO SO IF YOU SO DESIRE. WE THOUGHT YOU WOULD PROBABLY PREFER REST AND PRIVATE EVENING AT HOTEL ON JULY 24.

6. TENTATIVE PROPOSED SCHEDULE FOLLOWS:

MONDAY, JULY 24
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P. M. ARRIVE AMMAN

- DISCUSSIONS WITH EMBASSY
- DINNER - PRIVATELY AT INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL

TUESDAY, JULY 25

- DISCUSSIONS WITH KING HUSSEIN (TIME TO BE DETERMINED)

1330 - IN-HOUSE BUFFET LUNCH GIVEN BY CHARGE AND MRS. SUDDARTH FOR FULL ATHERTON PARTY AND INCLUDING SOME EMBASSY OFFICERS AND WIVES.

EVENING - DINNER AT GENERAL BIN SHAKER'S

WEDNESDAY, JULY 26

A. M. - CROSS KING HUSSEIN BRIDGE TO JERUSALEM

7. PLEASE ADVISE IF YOU CONCUR IN ABOVE AND ALSO WHETHER

MRS. ATHERTON HAS ANY PARTICULAR DESIRES REGARDING HER OWN PROGRAM. INTERCONTINENTAL POOL SHOULD BE A PLEASANT DISTRACTION AND WE ARE PREPARED TO ASSIST IN ANY PROGRAM SHE DESIRES. SUDDARTH

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